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| Serial No. 09/837,988 | Filing Date April 19, 2001 | Examiner Uchendu O. Anyaso | Group Art Unit 2675 |
| Inventor(s) Hideki Masudaya | | | |
| Title of Invention INPUT DEVICE HAVING PLURALITY OF SWITCHES | | | |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in duplicate); Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate); Preliminary Amendment; and Postcard Receipt.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a 3 month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Total | | Minus | | 2 |
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| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | |

| Small Entity | | Other Than Small Entity | |
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| Rate | Add'l Fee | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| x \$9= | | x \$18= | \$36 |
| x 43= | | x \$86= | \$258 |
| +\$145= | | +\$290= | |
| Total add'l fee | \$ | Total add'l fee | \$294 |

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Checks in the amount of \$770, \$950 and \$294 are enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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